

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. But even though the right-wing FCC is controlled by the right wing and Michael Powell I doubt there will be fair treatment of this issue. I would urge the FCC to stop this showing of the anti-Kerry ad on the public airwaves. It is for political and propaganda reasons. This kind of slut and shekany by Sinclair Broadcasting and their stations must stop. I will boycott all of their advertisers as a show of how strongly I feel and thousands of others will be doing the same. The licenses of these stations will be brought to bear also. So they better watch out. They are treading on dangerous ground!!!!!!
Thank you.